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LAUTENSCHLAGER ON FRG/BRAZIL ISSUE.

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1. DURING TOUR D'HORIZON THIS WEEK WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAUTENSCHLAGER, IN CHARGE OF ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (WITH ROUGET PRESENT), LAUTENSCHLAGER REITERATED TO ECON/COMM MINISTER THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE FRG TO RENEGE ON ITS FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL. HE STRESSED THAT SUCH AN ACT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY REPREHENSIBLE GIVEN THE HISTORY OF HIS COUNTRY.

2. LAUTENSCHLAGER SAID THE FRG WAS STUDYING THE RECENT FRENCH POLICY DECISION TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT IT MEANT. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE FRENCH STATEMENT MIGHT MEAN NOTHING SINCE, IN HIS VIEW, NO ONE IN THE FUTURE WAS GOING TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR NUCLEAR PROCESSING OR ENRICHMENT INSTALLATIONS.

3. WHILE INSISTING ON THE IMMUTABILITY OF THE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL, LAUTENSCHLAGER SAID SOMETHING
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HAD TO BE DONE TO MEET THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. ONE POSSIBILITY, WHICH WAS BEING EXPLORED, WAS A MULTILATERALIZATION OF THE REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT ASPECTS, AN APPROACH WHICH MIGHT BE ATTRACTIVE TO BRAZIL.
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